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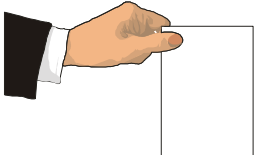
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Economic Factors Mandate FY2002 Budget Reduction

As a result of the sudden downturn in the economy, and the anticipated reduction in state revenues, Gov. John Engler issued an Executive Order to bring the state budget in line with anticipated revenues. This action was taken in accordance with the provisions of the Michigan Constitution which requires the state to have a balanced budget and the governor to take corrective action when the budget exceeds the projected revenues. The House and Senate Appropriations committees approved the Executive Order on Nov. 6, 2001. Since no further legislative action is required, the Executive Order is approved.

The Executive Order reduced state spending by over \$500 million for fiscal year 2002. The Comprehensive Transportation Fund (CTF) programs were reduced by \$12,750,000. In addition to the program reductions, the CTF will also absorb an \$8.4 million reduction due to reduced revenues and a funding shift involving the Michigan Transportation Fund.

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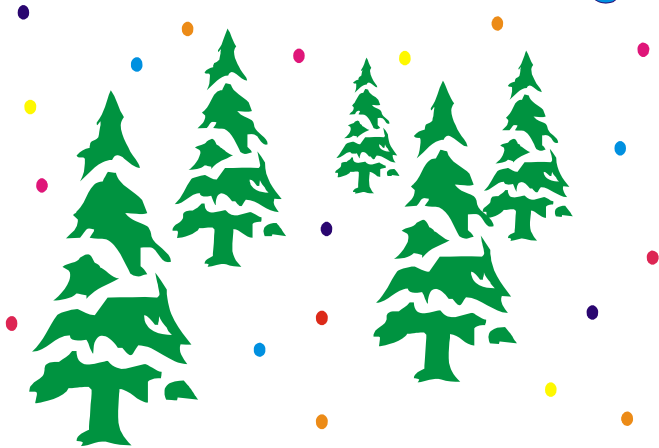


Michigan Transit Community Donates to the World Trade Center Port Authority Memorial Fund

The Michigan transit community generously donated \$500 to the World Trade Center Port Authority Memorial Fund. The fund will be used primarily to support the families of the 74 Port Authority transit workers lost on September 11.

The donations are being forwarded to the memorial fund in the name of the Michigan transit community. The opportunity to donate to this worthy effort will continue through the end of November 2001. Any size donation is much appreciated. Please make checks out to "World Trade Center Port Authority Memorial Fund" and forward to Kip Grimes at MDOT.

Season's Greetings



*From the Staff of the
Passenger Transportation Division*

Michigan Transit Strategic Plan Implementation Workshops Scheduled

The new dates for the Michigan Transit Strategic Plan Implementation Workshops are Wednesday, November 28 and Tuesday, December 11, 2001, at the Michigan Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Secondary Complex, 7575 Crowser Road, Lansing, Michigan. Both documents, the executive summary and the completed plan in its entirety, are available on the Passenger Transportation Division's (PTD) Web page at: www.mdot.state.mi.us/uptran/ptd/index.htm under Publications and Reports.



A cross-representational team of stakeholders will develop an action plan, lead agency, time line, and associated costs. PTD staff will monitor implementation of the strategic plan and will provide a link between the transit strategic planning effort and implementation of the State Long Range Plan.

The goals of the Michigan Transit Strategic Plan are as follows: 1) increase cooperation within the transit community; 2) remove barriers to transit use; 3) provide efficient and effective transit services; and 4) ensure adequate funding. Additional information may be requested from Linda Tuttle at 517/373-7645 or by e-mail: tuttlel@mdot.state.mi.us.

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Changes made to the FY 2003 Application Instructions

Due to your comments and suggestions, we have made some changes to the FY2003 application instructions. The instructions have been redesigned to work better with the Public Transportation Management System (PTMS). All application forms are accessible from within the PTMS.

The instructions and application forms may also be obtained on the PTD Web page at: www.mdot.state.mi.us/uptran/ptd/apps.htm. As you complete the application, please take a few minutes to write down any comments you may have regarding the application and include them with the application submittal to your project manager.

Procurement of A&E Services Requires “Qualifications-Based Procurement Method”

When an agency needs Architectural and Engineering Services (A&E), they must use competitive proposal procedures based on the federal Brooks Act. Other types of services considered as A&E services include: program management, construction management, feasibility studies, preliminary engineering, design, surveying, mapping, and services which require performance by a registered or licensed architect or engineer. The Brooks Act requires that:

- An offeror's qualifications be evaluated;
- Price be excluded as an evaluation factor;
- Negotiations be conducted with only the most qualified offeror; and
- Failing agreement on price, negotiations with the next most qualified offeror be conducted until a contract award can be made to the most qualified offeror whose price is fair and reasonable to the agency.

This “qualifications-based procurement method” can only be used for the procurement of A&E services. This method of procurement cannot be used to obtain other types of services even though a firm that provides A&E services is also a potential source to perform other types of services. For information on other methods of procurement or third party contracting requirements, please see the FTA Circular 4220.1D: Third Party Contracting Requirements at www.fta.dot.gov/library/policy/tpcr.html.

FY2002 RTAP Guidelines Are Now Online!

The guidelines for the FY2002 Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) were mailed to eligible transit agencies in late October. The FY2002 RTAP maximum annual cap for rural transit agencies is \$3,500.

The guidelines and forms are now available online on MDOT's Web page: www.mdot.state.mi.us/uptran/ptd/rtap/index.htm. You may fill out the forms online, but you still have to print the forms for the manager to sign before mailing them to the Michigan RTAP Coordinator Jill Adams.

If you have any questions regarding the RTAP program, please contact Jill at 517/373-2051, e-mail: adamsji@mdot.state.mi.us.

Dates to Remember



Michigan Transit Strategic Plan
Implementation Workshop
November 28, 2001: Lansing
December 11, 2001: Lansing
Linda Tuttle 517/373-7645

FTA Substance Abuse Management Seminar
(see article on page 8)
January 15, 2002: Columbus, Ohio
www.transit-safety.volpe.dot.gov

Michigan Public Transit Association Mid-Year Meeting
February 19-20, 2002: Lansing, Michigan
Cindy Zolkowski 517/324-0858

Innovative Strategies to Increase Ridership
March 18-19, 2002: University of Wisconsin
at Milwaukee
Wyatt Osato 414/227-3332

APTA Bus & Paratransit Conference
May 5-9, 2002: Minneapolis, MN
APTA Meeting Group 202/496-4800

CTAA EXPO 2002
May 19-24, 2002: Austin, TX
Charlie Dickson 202/661-0208



2001 Michigan Transit Conference - It's A Wrap

This year's Michigan Transit Conference, entitled "Take a New Look," was held October 8-10, 2001, at the Valley Plaza Resort in Midland, Michigan. We are delighted to report that this year's conference set some new records – the largest number of attendees, the largest number of vendor exhibits, and the largest number of guests.

The conference featured Greg Rosine, the director of MDOT, and Bryna Helfer, the director of Project ACTION from Washington, D.C. Ken Blanchard's leadership video "Gung Ho!" was well received. Joe Caruso again shared simple life truths that caused us to recognize the value in what we do. In addition, Phil Kazmierski, deputy director of UPTRAN, was on hand throughout the entire event. Kudos to the conference planning committee for another informative and fun-filled event.

A new feature at the conference this year was a photo contest. Agencies were invited to submit photographs within three categories: *A Day in the Life of Public Transportation*, *Facilities and/or Equipment*, and/or *Modal Alternatives*. Awards went to two agencies for their winning photos: Iosco Transit Corporation (*A Day in the Life of Public Transportation*) and Gogebic County Transit (*Facilities and/or Equipment*). You can see their winning photos below. In addition, two agencies received Honorable Mention awards: Cass County Public Transportation and Oscoda County Area Transit System. Both submitted photos in the *A Day in the Life of Public Transportation* category.

Want to share in the excitement and be a part of next year's Michigan Transit Conference planning committee? The committee will meet soon to begin the planning of next year's conference. Suggestions and comments, as well as new members, are always welcomed and appreciated. Contact Linda Tuttle at 517/373-7645, or e-mail: tuttlel@mdot.state.mi.us.



Iosco Transit Corporation's Winning Image:
A Day in the Life of Public Transportation.



Gogebic County Transit's Winning Image:
Facilities and/or Equipment.

Around the State

CWTA Carries Defibrillators on Buses



In order to prevent deaths from sudden cardiac arrests, Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority (CWTA) Director Vance Edwards took innovative action. He received a Rural Health Initiative Grant from the Michigan Department of Community Health which provided a funding match to purchase and train employees in the use of five Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) and five trainer units.

AEDs are machines to restart the heart during a cardiac arrest, and will make citizens in rural areas of Wexford and Cadillac Counties more likely to survive these life-threatening emergencies. "If we can save one person's life, it will be worth it," Vance said. In these days of increased conflict, it is heartwarming to hear of acts of compassion and innovation.

The CWTA will transport well over 100,000 passengers this year. Roughly 75 percent of CWTA's passengers are seniors and individuals with disabilities. Vance may be contacted at 231/775-9411.

STC Celebrates 20 Years of Service

Sanilac Transportation Corporation (STC) celebrated 20 years of service with an informal Open House on October 26, 2001. Visitors enjoyed a guided tour of the transit facility, a free bus ride, and refreshments. Michigan State Police Trooper Mary Murphy provided a child safety seat check.

Onalee Pallas oversees operation of the county-wide service which operates 12 lift-equipped, demand-response vehicles. STC works closely with the local intermediate school district (ISD) and community mental health (CMH) agencies to meet their transportation needs. The partnership is so strong that STC is able to operate without a millage or commitment of local share from the county (the CMH and ISD together provide the local share).

STC has seen a steady increase in general public passengers with ridership totaling 42,264 in FY2001, an increase of nearly 15 percent over FY2000 totals. Future goals include expanding partnerships with community agencies and securing funding for a new transit facility.

Letter Offers a Look Back in Time

Mike Stoner of Bay Metro Transit in Bay City recently submitted a letter to *The Urban Transportation Monitor* and his letter was printed in the September 14, 2001, issue. Mike sent the letter in response to a request from the publication for humorous--but true--stories from their readers. Our thanks to Mike for sharing his letter with *Passenger TransActions* readers.

Two Cents a Gallon

Here's an anecdote that I was involved in the mid 1980's.

According to the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), Bay City, MI, was the first city in the U.S. to convert entirely from trolleys and streetcars to buses. This occurred in 1922. The person who started the bus system in 1922 was O.B. Doran. Mr. Doran was still living in Bay City in the mid-1980's when I paid him a visit to discuss the history of local transit services. At that time, I was a transportation planner with the transit authority. Mr. Doran was very interested in talking about the old days. After telling me about the political problems involved in routing buses, setting fares, handling transfers, etc., (even in 1922!!), he started asking me questions about the existing public transit system of which he knew very little.

He said he had operated the private bus company for nearly 25 years. He charged a five cent fare (one cent more for a transfer) the entire time he owned the company and had made money doing it. He had supported a family, sent his kids to school, employed many people, and couldn't understand why the present transit authority needed a subsidy to operate. What were we doing wrong? he wondered. I asked him how much he had paid for the buses he was using in the 1920's.

He said his first vehicles were 1918 REOs for which he paid \$2,500. After operating them for a few years he threw them away and got new ones. I told him the typical buses we were purchasing at that time (1984) cost about \$160,000, and we were required to operate them for a minimum of 12 years.

I asked him how much he paid for fuel. He said he paid two cents a gallon for many years. I told him we were paying more than \$1 a gallon. I asked him how much he paid his drivers. He said he paid them, in the later years, \$5 a day. I told him we paid our drivers quite a bit more than that per hour. I then asked him why, after the Second World War, he had decided to sell the business to the Balcer Brothers company which continued to operate the bus system for another quarter century. His answer, "Ah, there was no money in it."

Around the State *(continued)*

Kalamazoo Metro Celebrates A Millage Renewal

Congratulations to Bill Schomisch and the Kalamazoo community on the passage of their public transit millage. The one-mill renewal is for three years and passed by over a 3 to 1 margin. The millage will generate approximately \$1.3 million per year.

This timely millage passage accompanies a 21 percent increase in ridership for this October over October 2000. Total ridership for the year has increased 38 percent and the agency is operating at 25.3 passengers per hour on all fixed routes.

An attractive service offered by Kalamazoo Metro has been the installation of bike racks on all line-haul vehicles. Since last January, a total of 11,169 bicyclists have used the new racks which were purchased with enhancement grant funds.

Once again, congratulations from the UPTRAN staff on your millage accomplishments. Keep the buses rolling!

Manistee Dedicates New Bus Storage Facility

Manistee County Transportation, Inc. (MCT) held a ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating their new bus storage facility on Saturday, October 27, 2001. The dedication ceremony also included naming the facility after MCT's longtime former board chair, the late Dorr Johnson.

The new storage facility will house 12 buses, and also has a passenger waiting area with bathroom facilities. It was designed to match the historic architectural style of downtown Manistee. The project cost was approximately \$630,000, with 80 percent of the funding from federal Section 5309 funds, and the remainder of the funds from state and local dollars.

365-Mile Bike Ride a Challenge and Lots of Fun!

Congratulations to Kalamazoo County Care-A-Van's Laurie Doering and her husband Ron who are both avid bicycle enthusiasts. In fact, so avid they spent the five days before Labor Day peddling their cycles to the Mackinac Bridge as part of the Dick Allen Lansing to Mackinac (DALMAC) bicycle trip. This marks the sixth time the Doerings have completed the trip.

Approximately 3,600 cyclists started the trip and most of them completed it. There were several routes available to the DALMAC participants and the Doerings chose a 365-mile route that took five days to complete. They camped on school grounds along the way.

Laurie said the highlight of the trip came on Sunday, September 2 at 1 p.m. when they crossed the bridge on their bicycles in groups of 400. Laurie said she thoroughly enjoyed her time on the open road and, yes, there's a good chance they'll do it again. Once again, Congratulations from your buds in UPTRAN.

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This issue we feature another PTD work unit - the Nonurban Unit, part of the Transportation Services Section (TSS) managed by Kim Johnson.

Nonurban Unit Has Some Old and New Faces

The Nonurban Unit has some new faces, some old faces in new places, and a lot of good reasons they are all committed to public transit. First, let's clear up the confusion over the name of the Nonurban Unit. The unit does not actually cover *all* of the nonurban agencies in the state, and does actually have an *urban* agency assigned to it...so it's just a name, not a definition. The Nonurban Unit consists of five project managers assigned to provide oversight to the public transit providers who receive MDOT funds in 52 of Michigan's 83 counties. The unit also oversees agencies providing marine service to Beaver, Drummond, Neebish, and Sugar islands.

PTD's newest employee and the Nonurban Unit's newest face is **Andrea (Andy) Brush**. Andy previously worked in the Statewide Planning Section of MDOT's Planning Bureau and was the grant administrator for the State Planning and Research (SPR), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) and Section 5313 programs. The unit is excited to have her positive attitude and great organizational skills on the team. Andy is the project manager for the agencies in Allegan, Barry, Clare, Gladwin, Hillsdale, Isabella, Jackson, and Lenawee counties. Andy may be contacted at 517/335-2545 or by e-mail: brusha@mdot.state.mi.us.

Another new face belongs to **Steve Redmond**. Some of you may know Steve from his days with the TEA-21 Small Urban Program in MDOT's Planning Bureau. Steve joined the unit in June and is the project manager for the agencies in Ionia, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, Oceana, and Osceola counties. Steve may be contacted at 517/335-2544 or by e-mail: redmonds@mdot.state.mi.us.

Fred Simons is one of the 'old' (not old, just familiar!) faces who's in a new place. He recently moved from the Lansing area to Harbor Springs and is currently working out of the MDOT Maintenance Garage in Kalkaska. Hopefully, he will soon have a permanent office in the MDOT Gaylord Regional Office. Fred has graced the unit with his unique sense of humor since 1994, and is the project manager for the agencies in Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Iosco, Montmorency, Presque Isle, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego and Roscommon counties. Fred may be contacted at 231/258-2327 or by e-mail: simonsf@mdot.state.mi.us.

John Drury also joined the Nonurban Unit in 1994 and brought with him many years of experience from the Family Independence Agency (FIA) that have served him and the unit very well. John works out of the Traverse City Transportation Service Center (TSC) and is the

project manager for the agencies in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Chippewa, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Missaukee, and Wexford counties. John's area covers agencies providing marine service to Beaver, Drummond, Sugar, and Neebish islands. John may be contacted at 231/941-1986 or by e-mail: druryj2@mdot.state.mi.us.



The Nonurban Unit: (left to right) Jean Ruestman, Joe Valente, Andrea Brush, John Drury, Fred Simons, and Steve Redmond.

Joe Valente, the unit's favorite story teller, joined UPTRAN in January of 1986 and moved back to his hometown in the Upper Peninsula the following month. Joe works out of the Ishpeming TSC. He is the project manager for the agencies in Alger, Baraga, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, and Schoolcraft counties. Joe may be contacted at 906/486-9218 or by e-mail: valentej@mdot.state.mi.us.

The other "old face in a new place" is the supervisor of the Nonurban Unit, **Jean Ruestman**. For the past 11 years, Jean has been a project manager for various counties and recently became the supervisor of the Nonurban Unit. She is very excited about her new responsibilities and says, "We are all committed to helping the transit community work through the maze of requirements and regulations so that they can focus on doing the very important work they do...provide an essential service that improves the quality of life for millions of people in Michigan." Jean may be contacted at 517/373-6625 or by e-mail: ruestmanj@mdot.state.mi.us.

PTD's Financial Management Classes a Success!

The Passenger Transportation Division recently sponsored two Financial Management for Transit training classes. Twenty-eight transit agency personnel attended the first class hosted at the charming Landmark Hotel in Marquette August 29-31. The second class was held September 26-28, in Michigan's own little Bavaria, at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth. Forty-eight transit agency personnel attended this class.

PTD accountants Karen Stotts and Sandy Lovell covered many exciting topics at the trainings, including the Revenue and Expense Manual, cost allocation plans, the reconciled Operating Assistance Report (OAR), the Passenger Transportation Management System (PTMS) reports module, and Service Development and New Technology (SDNT) funds. The overall review of both classes was excellent.

Karen and Sandy are already preparing for the 2002 Financial Management for Transit class. The location and dates are yet to be determined. If you have ideas for topics or suggestions for the location of the training, please e-mail Sandy: lovells@mdot.state.mi.us.

Wee-Haa! Michigan Small Bus Rodeo Hits the Road!

Bully has his bags packed and is ready to go. The Michigan Small Bus Rodeo is hittin' the road with a new site for the 2002 Rodeo -- The Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids.

Did ya like watching the Lugnuts play? Well, thanks to Hoekstra Transportation and ElDorado National, ya'll be able to watch the West Michigan White Caps play!

Bully will be waitin' to take ya on at the Crowne Plaza in Grand Rapids in July 2002. See ya there!



USDOT and MDOT Schedule Drug and Alcohol Training

The United States Department of Transportation's (USDOT) drug and alcohol regulations have recently changed. In order to receive up-to-date information on these changes, all transit agency drug program administrators are encouraged to attend a regulatory review session. Systems that comply with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regulations may choose to attend one of the following FTA trainings:

FTA Substance Abuse Management Seminar (one day)

- Various nationwide locations
- October 30, 2001 through February 12, 2002
- For specific training schedules and to register, see www.transit-safety.volpe.dot.gov (click on "Click here for training sessions for Revisions to 49 CFR Part 655" in left margin). The seminar closest to Michigan is scheduled in Columbus, Ohio on January 15, 2002.

MDOT will also sponsor regulatory review workshops which are tentatively scheduled for February-April 2002. The workshops will include the Motor Carrier regulations for agencies that must comply with them. Also, the workshops are planned to specifically meet the USDOT requirements for supervisory drug and alcohol training (the FTA training does not meet this requirement). You will receive details on the MDOT workshops in an informational mailing in December.

The Summer 2001 issue of the *Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Drug and Alcohol Regulation Updates* contains information on FTA's final rule on the Prevention of Alcohol Misuse and Prohibited Drug Use in Transit Operations (49 CFR Part 655). This newsletter may be viewed at www.transit-safety.volpe.dot.gov/safety/DATesting/newsletters (then click on Issue 19).

You may also obtain information on the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) drug and alcohol regulations (Part 382) at www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rulesregs/fmcsr/regs/382menu.htm.

If you need additional information on this topic, please contact Amy Edgar, Training/Drug/Alcohol Coordinator, telephone 517/373-2261, e-mail: edgara@mdot.state.mi.us.

Vehicle News

Jacobs Vehicle Systems Addresses Brake Retarder Problems on ElDorado Buses

Jacobs Vehicle Systems has agreed to address problems with their brake retarder on ElDorado National (ENC) medium-duty buses. All transit agencies that have an ENC medium-duty vehicle with a Jacobs brake retarder should have received a letter from PTD dated September 26, 2001. The letter stated two options that are available to address the problems with the Jacobs brake retarders.

1. Replace all driveline brake control system components with a Navistar Replacement Kit supplied by Telma Retarder, Inc. This kit will include the exchange of all switches, light bar, wiring harnesses, electronic controller and also includes the ABS interface. This has been successfully completed on a demonstration bus with no further operational problems, or
2. Complete removal of the Jacobs' driveline brake including control system and reinstallation of a standard driveline system. This has also been successfully completed on a demonstration bus with no further operational problems.

Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. will develop a service plan for both options and will inform transit agencies of this plan very soon. If you have any questions regarding these options, please contact Jerome Jonson at 517/335-2568 or e-mail: jonsonj@mdot.state.mi.us.

ElDorado National and Hoekstra Transportation Are on the Move!

ElDorado National in Kansas has moved and has a new address: 1655 Wall Street, P. O. Box 6260, Salina, KS 67401. New telephone numbers: Sales, Accounting: 785/827-1033, fax: 785/823-9471. Purchasing, Engineering: 785/827-1033, fax 785/827-0965.

Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. also has a new address: 3741 Roger B. Chaffee Blvd., Grand Rapids, MI 49548. New telephone numbers: 616/245-7440, 1/800-444-4104.

Electrical Training Held for ElDorado Buses

In response to comments received during several vehicle meetings around the state, ElDorado National conducted three electrical training workshops in Michigan for transit personnel responsible for maintaining electrical systems on small cutaway and medium duty buses.

The electrical workshops were held on November 6 at Marquette County Transportation Authority's facility in Ishpeming, November 7 at Otsego County Bus System, and November 8 at MDOT's Dimondale facility. A total of 64 mechanics from 40 transit agencies attended the meetings. If you would like any information about the trainings, please contact Al Johnson by telephone at 517/335-2549 or by e-mail: johnsonal@mdot.state.mi.us.

ElDorado National Vehicles Undergo Some Improvements

Several improvements and/or changes have been made to the ElDorado National small cutaway and medium-duty vehicles produced under contracts with Hoekstra Transportation, Inc. These improvements/ changes are a direct result of feedback provided by transit agencies around the state and suggestions made during the recent vehicle meetings. These improvements show how effective communication between MDOT, the Michigan transit community, and the vehicle manufacturers can lead to better quality transit vehicles in Michigan.

A list of the improvements/changes will be mailed to all transit agencies and may be viewed on the PTD Web page at www.mdot.state.mi.us/uptran/ptd/vehitech/index.htm. If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Jerome Jonson at 517/335-2568 or by e-mail: jonsonj@mdot.state.mi.us.



**"Providing the highest quality transportation services for
economic benefit and improved quality of life."**

FY2002 Budget Reduction *(continued)*

The following are the reductions to the CTF programs, plus an additional \$3.2 million will be taken from the prior year's balance of the Rail Infrastructure Loan Fund:

	Original	Reduction	Revised
Local Bus Operating	\$158,500,000	\$3,247,300	\$155,252,700
Specialized Services	3,939,500	190,000	3,749,500
Bus Transit Capital	14,574,400	378,900	14,195,500
Bus Property Management	100,000	60,000	40,000
Planning Grants	120,000	40,000	80,000
Service Development/Tech.	325,000	155,000	170,000
Regional Service	1,000,000	900,000	100,000
Work First/Project Zero	5,000,000	1,500,000	3,500,000
Intercity Terminals	1,628,300	200,000	1,428,300
Intercity Service Development	1,300,000	100,000	1,200,000
Intercity Bus Equipment	2,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Rail Passenger	7,000,000	78,000	6,922,000
Marine Passenger	800,000	500,000	300,000
Freight Property Management	1,893,300	119,300	1,774,000
Rail Infrastructure Loan	800,000	800,000	0
Port Development	500,000	31,500	468,500
Audit Settlements	150,000	50,000	100,000
UPTRAN Administration	8,878,500	200,000	8,678,500

The \$155,252,700 for Local Bus Operating is the same amount that was appropriated in FY2001. Based upon the local transit agency budgets submitted to MDOT and the new funding level of \$155,272,500, urbanized agencies with a population greater than 100,000 are projected to received 37.3 percent of their eligible expenses from the state. Urbanized agencies with a population less than 100,000 and nonurbanized agencies are projected to receive 44.5 percent of their eligible expenses from the state.

For more information on the FY2002 budget reduction, please contact Kip Grimes at 517/373-0470 or e-mail him at: grimesk@mdot.state.mi.us.